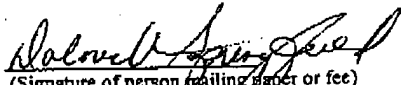


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Sir:

An Office Communication was mailed on May 21, 2009 noting that "[i]n applicants response of January 30, 2009, improper amendments were made to claim 15" in the above-identified patent application. Enclosed herewith is a response to the Office Communication.

This Response is timely filed. Should a Petition for Extension of Time be required, please consider this paper as a request for such a petition. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 18-0586.

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